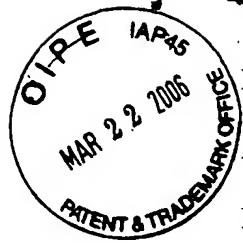


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Sir:

Applicants filed their application on July 22, 2004, which is approximately 18 months ago, but have not received an action on the merits.

Please advise as to the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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